

HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY  
SPRINGFIELD REGION MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, September 24, 2024  
Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission  
830 S. Spring St., Springfield, Illinois

PRESENT: James Bakunas, Javed Irshad, Lisa Beam, Jimmie Miller and Karen Osgood.

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Diana Braun, Abdush Shakoor

STAFF: Jon Burnet

Guests:

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Human Rights Authority, Springfield Region was called to order at 5:42 p.m. by the Springfield Region Chair James Bakunas.

It was determined that a quorum was present and that business could be conducted. Lisa read the confidentiality statement.

Minutes: Jimmie moved to approve the August 8, 2024 open and closed session minutes. Lisa seconded and the motion carried.

Communications:

This is Lisa's last meeting as she will have to take a year off. Everyone hopes she returns next September.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratifications for case acceptance:

Ratifications for report approval/issuance:

Ratifications for case closures:

New complaints:

25-050-9001 A special education student in jr. high is prohibited from joining the rest of band members in the band room because she cannot climb the stairs to the room. The school instead makes her sit in a room by herself and has her play music by herself; she cannot march with the band on the field during games. Jon reported to having referred this to our agency's special ed initiative who is taking it up. The parent has also contacted other agencies. Karen moved to not accept the complaint for investigation since it has been referred out. Lisa seconded and the motion carried.

25-050-9002 A resident of a community mental health center's residential program is to have help with medication management, but the program often bring meds late, sometimes they are picked up late at the pharmacy or kept in the nurses office for days before distributed. A release has been

sent but not received. Lisa moved to accept the case for investigation pending receipt of the release. Jimmie seconded and the motion carried.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

At 6:02 pm, Jay moved to enter Executive/Closed Session pursuant to the Guardianship and Advocacy Act (20 ILCS 3955/21) and the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2). Karen seconded and the motion carried. The purpose of the closed session was for discussion on any case assignments, case progress, draft reports, responses and case closures (24-050-9010 and 9011). The HRA returned to the open session at 6:47 pm having taken no votes in the closed session.

### Case progress:

24-050-9010 Packard MHC. Lisa and Jon discussed their findings from a recent site visit at the facility.

24-050-9011 Packard MHC. Lisa and Jon discussed their findings from a visit completed at the same time with 9010; a statement on the case from Shakoor was read.

### Reports for acceptance:

### Accept responses, close and publish:

24-050-9005 Packard MHC. A response was neither required nor received. Jay moved to close and publish the case. Jimmie seconded and the motion carried.

24-050-9007 Packard MHC. The complainant requests the case be closed without further review. Karen moved to close the case. Jay seconded and the motion carried.

### Other unfinished business, announcements and comments:

The next meeting is on October 29, 2024.

### Adjournment:

Lisa moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m. Karen seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Osgood, Secretary